

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Tuesday morning. When the letters are received Wednesday it is almost an impossibility to have them appear in the paper issued that day.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, S. C., June 7.—Grass is cutting but a small figure in the crops in this section, and crops are looking fairly well. Nevertheless there are a few old chronic pessimists who are finding cause, in their babyish imagination, to speak discouragingly. They help disease, help death, and at last help to accelerate their final landing into —.

Mrs. E. F. Darby and Miss Annie Keels left here on the 29th ult. for Atlantic City, and are writing back daily of the grand times they are having in that city of cities, which can boast of 600 hotels, furnishing every comfort and accommodation that the most fastidious could expect.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rhame, accompanied by Miss Mamie McNeil, are still in Richmond, having a most delightful time, visiting all the places of note and attraction. Col. Rhame writes back that they witnessed the unveiling of the Jeff Davis monument which was indeed grand and imposing, and the ceremonies truly inspiring.

Prof. Brunson left yesterday for Florence. There is some doubt as to his accepting the school another term; if he should decide to go elsewhere his place, in some respects, will be hard to fill.

Mr. Bonaparte McNeil, of Erskine College, came yesterday morning to spend vacation, and several more of the absent boys are expected soon.

Friend Dick Wheeler left for Arkansas only a few days before his mother, who was then in usual health, died, so he never saw her again.

MAYESVILLE.

Mayesville, June 7.—Rev. Joseph Benjamin, a native of Persia, who is student at the Columbia Theological Seminary, will lecture in the Presbyterian church here next Sunday. Mr. Benjamin is said to be a most interesting speaker and the occasion is being looked forward to with much pleasure.

The survey of the school district, preparatory to holding an election for the issuing of bonds, has been made by Surveyor Moise of Sumter and the election will be held in the near future.

Misses Elma Mayes, Susie May Burgess and Nita Corbett have returned home from Winthrop College.

Mr. Carlisle Strauss is at home for the summer from the University of South Carolina.

Miss S. I. Grant, of the Winthrop College faculty, has come home for her vacation.

Mrs. J. R. Mayes has returned home from Rock Hill where she attended the commencement of Winthrop College, at which her daughter, Miss Elma, graduated.

Mr. A. H. Mayes has gone to Lexington, S. C., to accept a position.

Rev. F. W. Gregg, of Pelzer, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Bertha Pearson, of Sumter, is visiting Misses Bessie and Mavis McKinney.

Rev. John Gray and wife, who have been visiting at Mr. E. B. Muldrow's, have gone to Davidson, N. C.

Mrs. N. Garber and Mrs. B. B. Moorsky, of Barnwell, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kohn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Miller, of Augusta, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Gardner.

Mayesville, June 10.—Warren, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith, died at their home at Wadesboro, N. C., early Saturday morning. The interment took place at the cemetery here yesterday morning, the burial service being conducted by Rev. H. A. Knox of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Naomi Mayes, of this place, and Mr. Smith was in the railroad office here for many years. They have the deepest sympathy of their many friends here in time of their bereavement over the death of their first-born, who was a remarkably bright little fellow and full of promise.

Rev. Joseph Benjamin, a native of Persia, lectured in the Presbyterian church yesterday and preached last night. He has been in this country just seven months and has not thoroughly mastered the English language, but his lecture was quite interesting and was enjoyed by a large congregation.

Mr. Thomas H. Lindsay will give an entertainment on Thursday night under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

Rev. J. P. Marion, Jr., of Sumter, will preach in the Presbyterian church on Friday night. This service is preparatory to the regular communion service on Sunday.

MAX.

Max, S. C., June 10.—Mr. Benj. Tapscot, of California, spent last week with his niece, Mrs. M. S. Chandler. Mr. Tapscot will leave this morning for Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. L. Q. S. Truluck has returned home after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Wash. Brown, who has been very sick.

Children's day will be observed at Nazareth next Sunday.

We are having refreshing showers. Bennie, a small son of Mr. John Brown, is very ill.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, June 8.—Nothing of an exciting nature in this corner—everybody hard at work. Crops are very small for the time of year. Bob Ardis has the largest corn, and old man Joe has the largest cotton and sweet potatoes I have seen. Cotton chopping is about finished, and we have General Green on the retreat. If Commodore Rainwater don't reinforce him pretty soon I think we will have him about conquered.

I did not write last week, as I was one of the men with the hoe.

Allow me, Mr. Editor, to say to those who have said by their actions that I was a nonentity, that I find that I can do something else besides writing pieces to the newspapers for their amusement and voting. I can wield a plow or a hoe a little yet, while their city man is taking in the sights in a cooler clime.

I have no sick to report.

Mr. T. Whitefield Turner, of Ramsey, and one of Mr. Oscar Hodge's daughters, of Northeast Privateer, were married a short time ago.

Mr. Robert B. Bartlett and Miss Fannie, daughter of Mr. Jas. B. McIntosh, Jr., were married last Sunday, the 2d, all of Southwest Manchester.

Rev. Mr. Tolar, of Summerton, was here last Wednesday evening, looking up and calling on the members of Calvary church.

On last Wednesday, day and night, we had a man here who gave his name as Rev. Marion T. Cook, from your city—so he said, who said he was hunting for Joe Ardis, who he found at home, as usual. (But there are two of the Joes.) To the first Joe he met, who is a member of the Methodist church, he (Cook) said he was a Holiness preacher, and when he (Cook) met Joe No. 2, who is a Baptist, he told him he was a missionary Baptist preacher. If he changes that fast and often, what is he today? Perhaps he is a Universalist by this time—who knows?

Mr. Geo. P. Ardis, of Central Privateer, visited at his brother Joe's last Sunday. He says that cabbages, &c., have come in now, and that he thinks he will soon reach the 100-pound notch.

Mr. John Wm. Osteen visited at Mr. Joe M. Ardis' last Sunday night.

I heard that a certain young man said I scorched him sometime ago. Well, brother, if you can't stand steam and hot grease, keep out of the kitchen.

DUBOSE CROSS ROADS.

DuBose X Roads, June 7.—In my communication last week, there was a mistake in facts, which I desire to correct.

In writing about the sickness of Dr. Fraser, Dr. DuBose tells me that I was mistaken. That Dr. Holman had the care and management of the case, also that Dr. Baker made several visits as consulting physician. It was Dr. Holman's case. I would not willingly make a misstatement about anyone, especially about a young physician who is rising so rapidly in his profession.

Fine weather for gathering oats and farmers are making things move in that direction.

Four automobiles passed yesterday going from Bishopville to Sumter—railroad next.

The cold spell is keeping back cotton and corn, but the crops look healthy and ready to move when the sun gets hot.

The sick are improving.

Fair Play.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, June 10.—We were visited by a very heavy hail storm last evening at 8 o'clock. The stones were as large as a common fowl egg. It lasted about ten minutes, but little damage was done to the crops.

The rain was very heavy indeed, and plowing is now at a standstill.

The oat crop is rapidly being harvested.

The sick of this community are improving.

Master Myron Smith, of Timmons-ville, was called to Bishopville last week on account of the extreme illness of his mother, Mrs. Eva Smith, who relapsed from a severe spell of erysipelas, and has been critically ill. Her friends rejoice to know she is better, but she is not yet out of danger.

Mr. J. S. Williams, of Timmons-ville, was in our midst yesterday. He says the crop prospects are very poor in his section. He and Master Myron Smith returned to Timmons-ville this morning.

Miss Maud Williams is at home for the summer vacation, having spent nine months at Winthrop College;

also, Miss Lidia DesChamps is at home from the Columbia Female College.

The friends here of Rev. Charles Smith, pastor of Bishopville Methodist church, sympathize with him most deeply in his great affliction, the death of his wife, which occurred Friday morning at the parsonage.

BORDEN.

Borden, S. C., June 10.—The crop of oats is about harvested. Some farmers made fine crops.

The cotton crop is small for this time of the year, but a good crop can be made yet with the right seasons.

Emanuel & Co. have about 500 acres of cotton chopped over the second time.

Mr. Henry Harby, of Sumter, and Mr. L. R. Williamson, of Providence, honored us with a call on Monday.

Mr. R. B. Joye and family visited the former's father, near Camden, on Sunday.

Mr. Sam Folk and his friend, Mr. Dick Phillips, were circulating among friends around Borden on last Sunday.

Mr. D. V. Keels has located his saw mill on Miss Emma Sanders' place and is saving some fine timber.

Mr. Olie Thompson and Mr. L. S. Vinson spent several days on the river fishing, but made no report.

Miss Alma Bradley, of St. Joseph's Academy, paid her father a visit on Saturday night.

The Sunday school at New Hope is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. R. S. Brown and Capt. George Moseley returned from the reunion at Richmond, Va., and report Richmond as being wet.

Miss Lettie Cato returned from Camden, where she has been attending school.

SALEM.

Salem, June 10.—The first hailstorm of the season visited this section this afternoon about 4.15 o'clock and lasted for ten minutes. Ice fell in lumps varying in size from that of a partridge egg to a turkey egg. The ground would have been covered with ice had the rain not melted it so rapidly. Strange to say, the hail preceded the rain, for the first water that fell, was frozen and came down with much force. Crops of all kinds are badly beaten up, but the full extent of damage has not been ascertained as these lines are being written while the rain is falling. A woman looking through sash admiring the hailstorm, was surprised by a large pellet crashing through the glass window. Aside from a little scare, she was unhurt, and changed her base forthwith.

The earth is covered with broken branches and leaves beaten from the trees. The path of the storm was from Southwest to Northeast. Width of hail streak not known, but it is thought those East of this place fared worse than did this immediate vicinity.

It is claimed by some to be the largest hail stones they had ever seen or care to see again.

Farmers have not been troubled much by the uprising of "Gen. Green" this season, but a few more showers like the one that fell today, will put a stop to this complaint.

Stands of cotton that were perfect up to the second hoeing, are badly broken by the plants dying down from some cause. This is generally the case where cotton followed peavine hay or corn.

Some few have replanted even as late as the 1st of June. This disease or pest, some claim it to be one, while others say it is the other, is getting to be a very serious problem that is confronting the cotton producers of these parts, and is more disastrous than the boll weevil, from the fact that the entire plant is destroyed.

Summer season has begun here. Some few have moved into the pines to spend their nights and others will soon do likewise.

Several fish fries have been indulged in on Black river lately. On each occasion fish were in abundance.

Oat harvesting is over with, but the crop was not up to the average, except in a few fields.

Hailstorm at Camden.

Camden, June 10.—One of the heaviest hailstorms ever seen in this section passed over Camden this afternoon, beginning about 3.30 o'clock.

At first there was scattered falling of stones, each about the size of a marble.

These gradually increased in size and frequency until the ground was littered with lumps of ice as large as hens' eggs. Lumps were picked up, each measuring from three to four inches in diameter, and as large as turkey eggs. A heavy rainfall followed this remarkable storm and this in turn changed to a perfect down-pour of pigeon egg hail which quickly covered the streets with a carpet of ice.

Horses were made to run away and dogs and cows were run to cover howling and bellowing. Many windows and skylights were ruined and the roof of the Cherokee greenhouse is a wreck. It is hard to get reports from out of town, but it is said that very little damage was done to cotton.

KERSHAW COUNTY NEWS.

Camden, June 10.—Mr. Lee West, one of Camden's most popular young men, and Miss Allie Drum, one of our best young ladies, were married in West Wateree last Wednesday evening.

We are betting on the Sumter ball team this year. We came down a week ago to see them play, but rain stopped the game. While Orangeburg has won more games, Sumter has the best team, and the close of the season will show them at the top.

Success to our friends of the Camden team.

Mayor Carrison has returned from a trip to New York.

It is reported that Mr. Henry Barnes, who lives seven miles east of Camden, has snailpox.

The whiskey crowd, headed by Senator Hough and Editor Schrock, of the People, are making a desperate effort to save their pet, the dispensary, which will be voted on on the 20th, but as they would say in baseball, the prohibitionists have "them skinned."

We even have one minister, Rev. Gordon of the Episcopal church, who is working for the dispensary. He had better work to save souls. How a church member, to say nothing of a preacher, can stand for whiskey is more than we can understand.

A Tremendous Fall of Hail Stones at Pisgah.

Daily Item, June 11.

Mr. T. M. Braley, of Braun, "phoned today that a terrific hail storm occurred in the vicinity of Pisgah church (Springhill) Monday afternoon. He visited the scene more than an hour after the storm and saw the hail lying in places a foot deep and said that it could be shoveled up to fill wagons. Considerable hail fell on his place, some stones being as large as guinea eggs, and his family gathered up enough to make ice cream, but, compared with what fell about the church, the hail on his farm was very light. Mr. T. W. Hawkins, Mr. L. S. Vinson and others in that vicinity were the worst sufferers.

HEAVY HAILSTORMS GENERAL.

Crops Are Badly Damaged and Property Destroyed—Heavy Winds and Hains.

Harvin, June 10.—For more than one-half hour this afternoon, commencing something after 4 o'clock, the largest hailstorm known to the oldest inhabitants visited this section, totally destroying crops in its path. Accompanying this hailstorm was considerable wind and heaviest rain since the big rain of 1906. The sun has been shining for nearly an hour since the hail ceased falling and there are hailstones on the ground two inches in diameter. Your correspondent saw hailstones that would weigh over a third of a pound.

This section was visited on July 26, 1906, by a severe wind and destructive hailstorm, which caused the planters to lose heavily, from which they have never recovered, and now to be visited again so soon after by a similar catastrophe makes it all the worse for the farmers. Many farmers had some hail insurance, but so many of them, the poorer and more needy, are without hail insurance or anything else.

Poultry passing from one building to another, a distance of only 20 feet, was instantly killed. The corn crop is in a worse fix than the cotton crop.

The farmers are indeed gloomy and the outlook is deperate. There is not enough cotton seed in the country to plant over one-twenty-fifth of the area destroyed.

In Orangeburg County.

Orangeburg, June 10.—For the first time in many years Orangeburg county was visited by a genuine cyclone late yesterday afternoon. The damage so far reported was on the Limestone road, about three miles north of the city, where damage was done by hail as well as wind.

Jennings & Smoak of this city, who own a large plantation in this section, had just about completed a large ginery consisting of three buildings and also a six-room dwelling for their overseer and a store building, all of which were razed to the ground or blown for long distances. Parts of the roofing were found more than half a mile distant. Fortunately none of the buildings were occupied and there was no loss of life. Jennings & Smoak estimate damage to buildings at \$1,500.

Just above Jennings & Smoak the barns of Mr. D. J. Holladay were blown down and in one instance part of one building was blown into the rear of the dwelling, breaking through the walls. On the plantations of Messrs. Julien W. and Hampton Culler barns were blown down and considerable damage done.

In addition to these, several negroes lost their dwellings or out-buildings, the area reported covering a strip about a half mile wide and about two miles long. Of course, as is usual with cyclones and tornadoes, the whole of this area was not devastated, the storm dipping in spots and skipping others.

THE SUMTER MONUMENT.

Col. Dargan Holds Conference With the Chamber of Commerce in Regard to Arrangements.

Col. J. J. Dargan, of Stateburg, met with the joint meeting of City Council and the officers and committee-men of the Chamber of Commerce, which was held in the council chamber last night.

Col. Dargan explained his plans for the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the monument to be erected at the grave of Gen. Sumter at length and in detail.

The views of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce were communicated to him in writing, and after a general discussion a tentative plan for handling the crowd and for providing transportation for them from the railroad station to Stateburg was agreed upon. The details were left largely in the hands of a committee, a portion of which was named by the Chamber of Commerce and the others to be named by Col. Dargan. As soon as arrangements have been perfected the publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce will see that the event is properly advertised.

Hagood's Letter.

Darlington, June 6.—Small grain is poor everywhere I have been. The best I have seen is near Hagood, in your county, and at Effingham, in Florence County. I think people make a mistake sometimes in withholding soda from unpromising oats. I have thought that soda applied to oats troubled with the Hessian fly, hindered, if it did not drive the pest away. Some of our people still cradle, others do a worse thing, mow their oats, when they can harvest them. In open shocks of five bundles, not more, oats are fairly safe in bad weather.

E. D. Smith and the cotton association, and Melver Williamson and corn culture. In the agricultural world that is honor enough at one time for South Carolina.

Do I hear some one asking "Why isn't the cotton association dead yet?" I think it was not born to die. There are leading men in our southland who think for themselves, who are a success, that are supporting this great movement, and today I venture the assertion it is stronger in finances, stronger every way than ever before. It might surprise some old hoppers to learn that there are few commercial centers of any importance in the cotton belt that are not helping to finance the association. And the association today composes that class of citizenship who make history, merchant, farmer, lawyer, men of all professions, but men, not mere driftwood. And the motives of action are not so much mercenary as patriotic, supporting a movement because it means the fostering and protection of a southern industry. A better, a brighter day is ahead of us, because we are blessed with a class of men, as a rule, in easy circumstances, brainy, cultured, who see in the prosperity of the masses the wealth of the classes. They live, not in the narrow confines of self-aggrandisement, but in the broader, higher, nobler sphere of true republicanism, worthy sons of worthy sires. I might say more, but let it suffice to say the association is not dead, but more alive today than ever before, is organized, progressing, growing.

The men who are back of it are not blowing trumpets and making noise, but are quietly, steadily working, planning with certain purposes in view, and while they have taken bold ground they are holding it.

The association has succeeded, will succeed in spite of the Judases who sell cotton on contract. Please let us have done with that in proud old Sumter.

Hagood.

The home in Nashville, Tenn., of William Walker, filibuster, has been disposed of by his relatives just when in Central America the scenes of his adventurous exploits have again become storm centres.

At a meeting of the Calhoun monument commission to be held in Columbia next Friday, the contract for the erection of a monument to Calhoun in Statuary Hall in Washington will be awarded.

Auditor West is checking up the county dispensaries throughout the State. He is now checking up the liquor shops in Charleston.

Christon and Bertha Harmon, who killed J. E. Willis in Abbeville county, were convicted on the charge of manslaughter.

More than \$8,000 have been collected in Colleton county for road tax.

Sumter, S. C., May 14, 1907.

Citizens' Insurance Agency, Sumter, S. C.

Gentlemen: Last spring I took a policy on my cotton crop, insuring with the Carolina Hail Insurance Co., against loss by hail. On July 25th crop was badly damaged, and it affords me pleasure to testify to the prompt and satisfactory settlement of my claim. Yours truly,

W. O. Cain.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

A syndicate of Charleston business men has purchased the St. John Hotel.

Mr. Throop Crosland, a leading business man of Bennettsville, died suddenly on Wednesday.

The Central National Bank and the Spartanburg Savings Bank will be consolidated in the near future.

Marlin & Emory, proprietors of the Parsifal Company, have entered suit against the Atlantic Coast Line for \$1,000 for causing them to miss an engagement in Charleston by a delayed train.

The Richland county grand jury has failed to find a true bill against W. H. Wolfe, the former county dispenser who was found short in his accounts a few weeks ago.

A hail storm passed through the Seloc section of this county last Sunday and did a vast amount of damage to the tobacco crops. In some places the weed was totally destroyed.—Manning Times.

Henry Smith, a white boy 19 years old, has been arrested in Columbia for passing a forged check.

There is an effort being made to disarrange the schedule of the morning train to Charleston, which we hope will not succeed, as the present arrangement is convenient all along the line.—Manning Times.

The grand jury of Charleston county has returned a true bill against W. S. Schiffau, who several months ago shot and killed John Rivers in the tenderloin district of Charleston.

W. H. Smith, of Marion, a graduate in pharmacy from the South Carolina Medical College, prays a writ of mandamus from the supreme court against the State board of pharmaceutical examiners who refused to issue him a license.

Trim Martin, colored, who is wanted on the charge of killing Joseph Dennison at Gadsden, March 19th, this year, is said to be under arrest in Jacksonville.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad will install the block signal system on its line of road from Columbia to Florence and from Florence to Charleston.

Gus Lee, a Chester county negro, convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged June 7, has been granted a respite until the case can be argued on an appeal.

John Spires, an Edgefield county farmer, charged with peonage, was tried in the district court at Charleston and acquitted.

At a recent meeting of the city council of Columbia it was decided to proceed with the work of collecting \$30,000 back taxes from the fire and life insurance companies doing business in that city.

The Blyther Rifles of Greenville have decided to take the trip to the Jamestown exposition.

Trolley cars will commence running on the electric line between Anderson and Belton July 1.

The railroad commission met in Columbia Tuesday and discussed the question of rates on cross ties.

There is a great slaughter of dogs going on in York county on account of a mad dog scare.

The new administration building of the Presbyterian college at Clinton was dedicated Wednesday.

A serious fire threatened the large jewelry establishment of James Allen & Co., in Charleston, Wednesday morning. The fire originated in the work shop of the jewelry firm.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, Mo., one of the best known bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, visited Lander Female college at Greenwood during commencement.

J. C. Gladden, a beer dispenser in Columbia, and his clerk, W. H. Hardan, have been dismissed by the county board of control because of alleged misrepresentations of the amount of stock on hand.

There was a severe hail storm in Lancaster county Wednesday afternoon which did great damage to crops. Lancaster has had three hail storms during the last thirty days.

Marshall Elgin, aged 75 years, a well known citizen of Honea Path, died a few days ago after a long illness.

The new union passenger station in Charleston will be completed within the next three weeks.

A party of Philadelphia capitalists are making arrangements to erect a refrigerating plant in Aiken.

C. M. Trott, superintendent of the Ashpeep fertilizer works in Charleston, died at his home in that city.

The Southern road has contributed \$1,500 for the purpose of beautifying the grounds at the passenger station in Greenville.

The magistrates at Eastover, Gadsden, Hopkins, Garner's and Lakesland have been presented before Judge Dantzler by the grand jury of Richland county charged with not having done their duty.